

# FACTSHEET

## STATISTICS

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### Sheep on Farms, January 1, 2014

Statistics Canada's semi-annual survey estimates sheep and lambs on **Saskatchewan** farms at 99 000 head on January 1, 2014 – down 2.9 per cent from January 1, 2013.

The survey reported:

- a 3.9 per cent decrease in total sheep numbers and
- a 1.5 per cent decrease in total lamb numbers.

**Western Canada's** sheep and lamb inventories are estimated at 366 000 head – down 0.3 per cent from 367 000 on January 1, 2013.

- the number of sheep was down 0.3 per cent from 2013 and
- the number of lambs decreased 0.2 per cent from 2013.

**Eastern Canada's** inventory was estimated at 527 700 on January 1, 2014, down 1.4 per cent from January 1, 2013.

- the number of sheep was down 1.3 per cent
- lamb inventory was down 1.8 per cent from 2013.

Total sheep and lamb inventories in **Canada** were estimated at 893 000 head on January 1, 2014, a decrease of 1.0 per cent since January 1, 2013.

- the number of sheep was down 0.9 per cent and
- the number of lambs decreased 1.0 per cent from a year ago.

There has been a slight increase in slaughter prices so some farmers could be selling some animals.



## Sheep on Farms

	January 2014	January 2013	% 14/13
	head		
Saskatchewan			
sheep	59 700	62 100	96.1
rams	2 900	3 100	93.5
ewes	56 800	59 000	96.3
lambs	39 300	39 900	98.5
replacement	10 200	10 700	95.3
market	29 100	29 200	99.7
total	99 000	102 000	97.1
Western Canada			
sheep	219 700	220 400	99.7
rams	11 200	11 300	99.1
ewes	208 500	209 100	99.7
lambs	146 300	146 600	99.8
replacement	36 400	36 900	98.6
market	109 900	109 700	100.2
total	366 000	367 000	99.7
Eastern Canada			
sheep	364 600	369 300	98.7
rams	15 500	15 800	98.1
ewes	349 100	353 500	98.8
lambs	162 400	165 300	98.2
replacement	52 300	53 700	97.4
market	110 100	111 600	98.7
total	527 000	534 600	98.6
Canada			
sheep	584 300	589 700	99.1
rams	26 700	27 100	98.5
ewes	557 600	562 600	99.1
lambs	308 700	311 900	99.0
replacement	88 700	90 600	97.9
market	220 000	221 300	99.4
total	893 000	901 600	99.0

Source: Statistics Canada

**Sheep on Saskatchewan Farms, January 1, 1990-2014**

	total	breeding herd		lambs	
		rams	ewes	replacement	market
		thousand head			
2014	99.0	2.9	56.8	10.2	29.1
2013	102.0	3.1	59.0	10.7	29.2
2012	98.0	2.9	57.2	9.3	28.6
2011	98.0	2.8	56.9	8.0	30.3
2010	94.0	2.8	53.5	7.7	30.0
2009	86.0	2.7	50.1	7.5	25.7
2008	91.0	2.9	51.8	11.4	24.9
2007	96.0	3.0	52.5	13.5	27.0
2006	105.0	2.8	51.0	13.7	37.5
2005	130.0	3.0	65.2	14.1	47.7
2004	125.0	2.7	61.7	13.6	47.0
2003	115.0	2.8	60.0	12.5	39.7
2002	117.2	2.7	62.6	14.8	37.1
2001	110.0	2.8	61.6	13.8	31.8
2000	91.0	2.6	54.1	11.5	22.8
1999	80.0	2.3	40.1	10.8	26.8
1998	54.7	1.9	34.1	5.9	12.8
1997	50.7	2.0	33.0	6.5	9.2
1996	68.2	2.0	38.2	7.3	20.7
1995	68.6	2.0	36.9	6.4	23.3
1994	69.0	1.9	36.3	4.7	26.1
1993	73.0	2.2	40.8	5.3	24.7
1992	58.0	2.3	36.4	9.0	10.3
1991	60.0	1.9	36.5	7.5	14.1
1990	52.0	1.7	32.0	6.5	11.8

Source: Statistics Canada